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1. Cong. Olin E. Teague of Texas was briefed this morning on the general political situation in Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Russia prior to his trip to those countries. Gen. Cabell greeted the Congressman briefly and then turned the program over to [redacted] whose briefers included [redacted] (WE Div.), [redacted] (OCI) and [redacted] (OCI). The Congressman, who is Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, may seek to talk to veterans leaders, if any, in those countries. In addition, he plans to talk to the office of the World Veterans Federation in Paris, with whom he has previously talked. He thought that they may be a good organization as they did not seem to be saddled with the selfish interests which the Congressman alleges are at the head of most veterans organizations in this country. He plans to be in Paris about 20 Sept., and I have advised [redacted] of the above. Cong. Teague also advised that he believed certain top officials of the VFW were planning to go to Russia and I have so advised Mr. Ashcraft.

Cong. Teague spoke highly of [redacted] an Agency employee who was formerly an officer under the Congressman during World War II. He also stated that he was a friend of [redacted]

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2. [redacted] advised me of a dispatch just received from [redacted] stating that a large number of Congressmen were expected through there and that [redacted] would be called on to do part of the briefing and showing them [redacted] Cong. Celler is to be more or

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